

Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A method for preventing or delaying catheter-based revascularization in patients suffering from coronary artery disease in need of such treatment consisting of administering atorvastatin or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in an amount effective to cause an aggressive lowering of LDL cholesterol by at least forty percent from baseline.

Claims 2-4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the amount of atorvastatin administered is from about 50 mg/day to about 150 mg/day.

Claim 6. (original) The method according to Claim 5 wherein atorvastatin is administered at a dose of about 80 mg/day.

Claims 7-10 (Cancelled).

Claim 11 (new) A method for preventing or delaying catheter-based revascularization in patients suffering from coronary artery disease in need of such treatment consisting of administering atorvastatin or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in an amount effective to cause an aggressive lowering of LDL cholesterol by about fifty percent or more from baseline.

Claim 12. (new) The method according to Claim 11, wherein the amount of atorvastatin administered is from about 50 mg/day to about 150 mg/day.

Claim 13. (new) The method according to Claim 12 wherein atorvastatin is administered at a dose of about 80 mg/day.